

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the specification, the sentence that begins of page 21, line 19 has been amended to correct a minor editorial problem relating to a reference numeral in figure 10 in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b). Specifically, reference numeral “8” has been added such that the storage compartment access doors in Figure 10 are now referenced as “storage compartment access doors 8.”

The reference numeral “8” is now deleted from the sentence that reads, “The opposite (unseen) side of the housing cabinet also includes a plurality of storage compartment doors.”

The Applicant considers the above amendments to answer the Examiner’s objection to the drawing.

Also in the specification, a new Abstract has been provided. The new Abstract is a paraphrased version of independent claim 21 and now contains 154 words.

In the Claims

Claims 21-38 remain in this application. Claims 25 and 32 have been amended.

§ 112 Rejections


The Examiner has rejected claims 25 and 32-38 under U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Specifically, claim 21 has been amended to read, “...a vacuum article retrieval system,” and claim 32 has been amended to read, “..actuating said article delivery system to deliver a requested article to said dispensing outlet...”

The Applicant considers the above amendments to answer the Examiner's §112 rejections.

The Applicant believes that all of claims 21-38, the drawings and the abstract are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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